# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

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WORKS POLICY OF TEHRI HYDRO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether as per the works policy of the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Limited (THDC), the company will invite open tenders above the value of Rs.1 lakhs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 13 contracts valued at Rs.8.96 crore were awarded on limited tender basis, with individual cost of each contract being above Rs.30 lakh;

(d) if so, the reasons for awarding limited tenders than open tenders depriving competitive rates;

(e) whether purchases of stationery in his Ministry etc. are being made not on the basis of open tender where the prices are above Rs.50,000/- but through some coop. Stores;

(f) if so, the reasons for violating the provisions of GFRs;

(g) whether the GFRs were relaxed by the Finance Ministry; and

(h) the corrective steps taken to make purchases as per provisions of GFRs with immediate effect?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) & (b) : According to the works policy of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Limited (THDC), the award of work is permitted through open, limited/restricted tenders and on single tender basis, depending on the value and requirements of work. Powers to invite tenders and award of works are delegated by the Corporation to the Project officers, from time to time in relation to the requirements of the project. In terms of policy applicable in THDC in 1989, while open tenders system was to be adopted for award of work costing above Rs.1 lakh each, however in cases of urgency or for reasons as per requirements of works, awards could also be made by project officers on limited tender basis. According to the delegation of powers given to project officers, Executive Director (ED)/General Manager (GM) had the power for award of works on limited tender basis upto Rs.50 lakhs each in 1989, and Rs.100 lakhs each in March, 1991. For award of works on limited tender basis, competitive rates are ensured by inviting bids from various likely and suitable parties, normally a minimum of five in numbers.

(c) & (d) : In view of urgency for rehabilitation of affected families, 13 contracts of the total value of Rs.8.96 crores, each costing above Rs.30 lakhs, were awarded by project officers on limited tender basis prior to 1995-96 under the provisions of the works policy/delegation of power of the Corporation, for construction in Resettlement centre (Colony).

(e) to (h) : The purchase of stationery in the Ministry of Power is made in accordance with the Government Rules and orders, issued from time to time.